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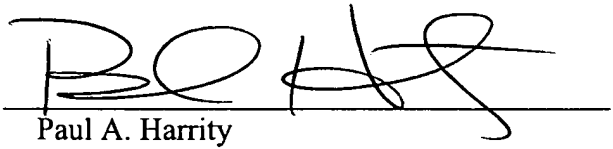
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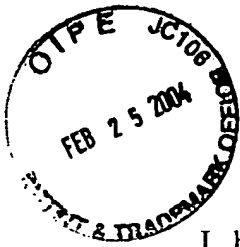
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 ☐ \$110.00 to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 ☐ \$740.00 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_, on \_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ A request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

| AMENDED CLAIMS   |               |   |              |              |                |
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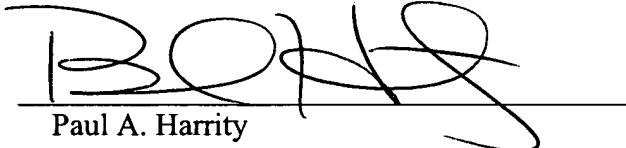
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